

After teaching at Linden High School for two years, she began working full time for the Democrat Reporter where she served as managing editor.

Together, Jean and Goodloe worked as a husband-and-wife reporting team. In the 1990s, they successfully exposed corruption and a drug ring involving the Marengo County Sheriff's office, amid death threats and intense pressure throughout their community. Their investigative reporting led to an FBI investigation and the conviction of the county's sheriff in 1997.

Jean also found time to raise a family. She and Goodloe raised two exceptional sons. Their son, Howard Goodloe, is a graduate of Auburn University and I am pleased to have him as a member of my staff. He has served as my State Director since 2000. And, William Robert Sutton attends Southern Union Community College.

Jean Sutton was a good friend, a leader in the Linden community, and a role model for investigative journalists. Her tremendous courage, her hard work and sacrifices on behalf of her readers, and her dedication to her family serve as an example of excellence for every reporter, parent and citizen. She will be greatly missed by many.●

PRESIDENT OF THE ARIZONA FARM BUREAU RETIRES

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to say a few words to my colleagues about a respected Arizonan, Ken Evans, who is stepping down as president of the Arizona Farm Bureau on November 1.

Ken has been a community leader, farmer, rancher, businessman, and agriculturist in my state of Arizona for many decades. As president of the Farm Bureau for the last 11 years, he has been an outstanding spokesman for the agricultural community. He has helped both the agricultural producers and the consumers of Arizona with his energetic leadership. His aid and advice were invaluable to me and other policymakers, both in the state and here in Washington.

I express my thanks for his service and wish him success in all of his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLEEN COMBS AND BOB HARRIS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today in the Senate to honor and pay tribute to Charleen Combs and Bob Harris for each being named the Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year.

Almost 20 years ago, Charleen Combs and Bob Harris found themselves in a quandary. Their employer had been sold and was downsizing, but Charleen and Bob used this setback as a catalyst to strike out independently and started planning the formation for their own software development company. In Harlan, KY in 1983, Charleen and Bob established Data Futures Inc. Today, it

has carved its own sizable niche, producing and providing administrative software to K-12 school districts and health care facilities throughout Kentucky and other states.

Data Futures is an outstanding example of how two Kentuckians used their entrepreneurial talent, drive and vision to create opportunities not just for themselves, but for others. What began as a humble home-based computer services business almost 20 years ago is now a leading developer of management systems software for school districts in at least seven States.

Eastern Kentucky is fortunate to have Data Future as a home-based business. But more importantly, it is fortunate to have Charleen and Bob call Eastern Kentucky home. I appreciate their loyalty to Kentucky and their community. They have been a shining example of leadership, hard work, and compassion. They are an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth. Congratulations, Charleen and Bob. You are Kentucky at its finest.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT ILLINOIS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I recognize and honor the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Founded in Chicago, the oldest private college association in the Nation has evolved from a social organization for college presidents to a dynamic advocacy organization representing 55 Illinois private colleges and universities, enrolling over 160,000 students and employing over 60,000 professional and support staff.

Headquartered in Springfield, IL, the mission of the Federation is to safeguard the interests of the member institutions and their students and to promote standards for excellence in higher education. The Federation will formally celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on November 11, 2003.

Under the leadership of Chairman Curtis L. McCray and President Donald E. Fouts, the Federation has taken a leading role in working to address higher education issues throughout Illinois.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities on their 100th anniversary. It is my hope and expectation that in the next 100 years the Federation will continue to create and expand college opportunities for students from Illinois and across the country.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARIZONA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I rise today to note that the Arizona Bankers Association

will commemorate its 100th anniversary next month—on November 13.

The Arizona Bankers Association was founded in 1903 by bankers from across what was still known as the Arizona Territory. The association was established to represent Arizona's diverse banking industry as it developed and grew to meet the financial needs of the early settlers. While at first its members served a sparsely populated territory, they now serve on the fastest growing States in the Nation. today, the Arizona Bankers Association represents banks of all sizes from every corner of our great State, employing over 10,500 people.

The Arizona Bankers Association's success and longevity are testament to the commitment and dedication of the banks and bankers who comprise its membership. The tremendous economic growth that draws so many people from other parts of the country to Arizona is due, in no small part, to the financial services and capital that are provided through the association's member banks. These institutions have nearly \$3 billion outstanding in loans to small business and some \$42 billion in total loans and leases.

To the member institutions of the Arizona Bankers Association, I offer my best wishes on achieving this impressive milestone and on beginning their second century of advocacy, service, and leadership. I look forward to continuing to work with them to provide Arizonans and Arizona's businesses with the financial services and credit that will lead the state to even greater prosperity in the years ahead.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3229. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3289. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan